

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Roanoke Division**

**SPEECH FIRST, INC.,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**TIMOTHY SANDS,**

**Defendant.**

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**Civil Action No.: 7:21-cv-203**

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW APPEARANCE**

Pursuant to Local Rule 6(i), Jessica Merry Samuels respectfully requests that this Court permit her to withdraw as counsel of record for Defendant Timothy Sands in this matter. Ms. Samuels is departing State service effective November 12, 2021, and will no longer be employed by the Office of the Attorney General. Mr. Sands will continue to be represented by University Legal Counsel Kay Heidbreder and Associate University Legal Counsel M. Hudson McClanahan, who noticed their appearances as counsel on June 15, 2021. See Dkt. Nos. 18, 19. A proposed Order granting this Motion is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on November 10, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to all counsel of record.

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**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the Motion to Withdraw Appearance filed by Jessica Merry Samuels and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion to Withdraw is GRANTED. Jessica Merry Samuels' appearance as counsel for Defendant Timothy Sands is hereby withdrawn. University Legal Counsel Kay Heidbreder and Associate University Legal Counsel M. Hudson McClanahan will remain as counsel for Defendant Timothy Sands.

So ordered on this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2021.

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Hon. Michael F. Urbanski  
United States District Court Judge